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SUBJ: MINISTER OF DEFENSE APPEARS ON TV

REF: BANGKOK 6571

1. ADMIRAL SANGAT CHALOYU, MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISORY POUNCIL (PMAC), APPEARED ON TV AT 1150 HOURS LOCAL TIME MARCH 26, TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC OF THE ATTEMPTED COUP. HE EXPLAINED THAT ABOUT 300 SOLDIERS FROM THE 9TH DIVISION IN KANCHANABURI HAD SEIZED SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OFFICE. THE REBELS HAD FORCED GEN. PRASOET THAMMASIRI TO ACT AS HEAD OF THE COUP GROUP. ADM SANGAT SAID THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS IN ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF THE SITUATION AND NEGOTIATING WITH THE GROUP TO PRECLUDE FURTHER VIOLENCE.

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2. THE FOLLOWING POLICE AND MILITARY LEADERS APPEARED ON TV WITH SANGAT: ACM KAMON DETCHATHUNGKA, SUPREME COMMANDER GEN. SOEM NA NAKHON, RTA COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF; GEN. YOT THAPHATSADIN, ASSISTANT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, RTA; LTG AMNAT DAMIRKAN, OF THE RTARF; COMMANDER FIRST ARMY; ADM. SONTI BUNYACHAI, DEPUTY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE NAVY; MG. SAWAENG CHAMONCHAN, COMMANDER-

OF THE ARMORED DIVISION; AND POL. GEN. MONCHAI PHANKHONGCHUN,
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE POLICE DEPT.

3. THE SITUATION IS QUIET IN DOWNTOWN BANGKOK. TRAFFIC IS
DOWN BUT THE AIRLINES ARE OPERATING AS NORMAL.

4. COMMENT: AS OF NOON 26 MARCH THE COUP ATTEMPT APPEARS TO HAVE
BEEN ISOLATED. THE UNITY OF THE PMAC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE NARC),
APPEARS TO BE HOLDING. GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE NAME OF
GEN. SOEM NA NAKHON, RTA ARMY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND ADM. SANGAT
CHALOYU, DEFENSE MINISTER, ARE NOW BEING BROADCAST OVER ARMY
ARMORED DIVISION RADIO STATION IN ADDITION TO ARMY TV. REBEL
GROUP CONTINUES TO CONTROL RADIO THAILAND.
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